GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:636
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2002
UPLINKING FACILITY FROM INDIAN SATELLITES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of television channels that have applied for uplinking facility from Indian satellites;

(b) the number of applications cleared so far, channel-wise; and

(c) the time by which the remaining applications are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a),(b) & (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED OUESTION NO.636 FOR ANSWE ON 9th May,2002

(a) & (b): The present policy of uplinking from India allows television channels to uplink both to Indian as well as foreign satellites. Proposals envisaging use of Indian satellites are accorded preferential treatment. 56 private television channels have been permitted to uplink from India and none of them has applied for uplinking from Indian satellite.

(c) Eight applications are under examination, in consultation with other Ministries. No firm time frame for their clearance can be indicated at this stage.